

SENATOR BORAH OPENS G. O. P. CAMPAIGN

Many Distinguished Republicans
Here for Big Meeting
COURT ROOM FILLED
Principal Speaker and Judge Robinson Lunched At Country Club

Filling every seat in the circuit court room and crowding the entrances and corridors the gathering of Marion county's loyal Republicans at the big Rally this afternoon was representative of the enthusiasm and vigor which is the spirit of the campaign in this section of the state.

Not only were Marion county Republicans present but large delegations from Clarksburg, Grafton and Morgantown were here to hear the opening campaign speech in this state delivered by U. S. Senator William Edgar Borah of Idaho. In the crowd were many of the county's leading Democrats and even the dignitaries from the four Democratic Headquarters offices which are located here were attracted to the Rally by the fame and prominence of the Senator.

Senator Borah, who is of the hearty western type of man and able to care for himself in his travels arrived in the city this morning from Washington and when he stepped off the 10:08 train from the East he was alone and unattended, even by a secretary. Hon. Thos. W. Fleming, Howard Sutherland, Frank R. Amos and other local Republican leaders met the Senator at the train and he was taken to the Country Club where he lunched. Virgil L. Highland and Judge Ira E. Robinson, were among the Clarksburg guests who stopped at the club for lunch. The entire party returned to the city at two o'clock.

Garlow's Band gave an enjoyable concert from one o'clock until two from the steps of the court house. The city officials refused to allow the speakers to use the court house steps and hold the meeting outdoors, on the ground that it would obstruct traffic.

The circuit court room however was obtained and promptly at two o'clock County Chairman Frank R. Amos called the meeting to order. Hon. Thos. W. Fleming was chosen to preside at the Rally and he in turn introduced Judge Ira E. Robinson, Republican candidate for Governor, who talked for perhaps twenty minutes on the auspicious opening of the campaign and in turn introduced Senator Borah. Both Senator Borah and Judge Robinson were enthusiastically received by the assembly and their remarks were interrupted for several minutes by an unexpressible applause engendered by the telling points in their talks.

Senator Borah is a man of commanding personality and has a most pleasing and impressive delivery and held the large crowd of citizens in close attention for almost an hour with his vivid portrayal of conditions under the present administration and his exposition of the principles of the Republican party.

With Senator Borah at the speakers table were, Judge Ira E. Robinson, Republican candidate for Governor, Congressman Sutherland, candidate for U. S. Senate, Virgil L. Highland, Republican National Committeeman from West Virginia, Geo. W. Bowers, candidate for Congress, Second district, Thos. W. Fleming, candidate for Congress First district, M. Earl Morgan, chairman Marion county speakers bureau, Frank R. Amos, Republican county chairman, Allison S. Fleming, Chas. W. Robinson and Rev. J. S. Robinson.

Senator Borah accompanied by members of the party who were with him at the speakers table this afternoon is scheduled to go to Morgantown this evening where he will address a gathering of Republicans from Monongalia and Preston counties. Tomorrow he will go to Wheeling where he makes his last appearance in this state leaving tomorrow night for the western states where the greater portion of his campaign work will be done.

INVITING DISASTER

(An Editorial)

IT IS possible to do a right thing in a wrong way. It is just as possible to ruin a just cause by mistaken zeal in its behalf.

The West Virginian is convinced that the movement in favor of new bridges and other public improvements is going to be set back several years if the attempt to bring the proposed \$760,000 bond issue to a vote next month is persisted in.

The mere magnitude of it will defeat it unless sufficient time is given for a campaign of education. Getting the leading citizens of the town into a room and persuading them to agree that this huge financial transaction is "good business" is not enough. The individual voter must be reached. He, too, must be made to understand that the new bridges, better sewers, street extensions and consolidation of the municipality's floating and funded indebtedness means more than an opportunity to spend public money—possibly illadvisedly—and provide jobs for the municipal government to fill—possibly in a partisan way.

In its present shape we do not believe that this can be done for the loan proposition. Some progress has been made toward putting the matter upon a business basis, but it is our opinion that the voters can not be convinced that enough has been done along that line. Those of them who own their own homes, or are property owners in a small way, and who will feel the burden most keenly if the big undertaking should turn out unfortunately, are liable to take the position that the present terms, far from being satisfactory, are not even all that could be obtained if a little more time were taken to pursue further the negotiations with some of the public service corporations, and the County Court.

To put it bluntly, the rush which characterizes every feature of the sudden revival of this proposition is calculated to foster the suspicion that all the cards are not on the table, and that the proponents of the loan are not actuated solely by consideration for the future welfare of Fairmont and the best interests of the taxpayers.

We trust that these aspects of the problem will be given careful consideration at tonight's meeting of the Common Council of Fairmont. All of the items provided for in the proposed loan bill are absolutely necessary steps in the development of the city. Some time they must be financed, and the sooner the better. We repeat, however, that an attempt to jam them through now in a few short weeks, and on the eve of a presidential election, when the people are illy prepared to view any proposition that leads to action at the polls upon its own merits and outside of party politics, is simply to invite disaster.

If the friends of this loan bill insist upon going through with it this fall theirs must be the responsibility. They will be compelled to carry on the campaign in its favor without the assistance of many public-spirited citizens who at any other time would be working shoulder to shoulder with them, and if it is defeated—and defeat seems almost inevitable at this time—the odium of setting back the Fairmont improvement movement for several years will rest upon them.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN LUMBERPORT

Gas Stove Started Blaze That Did \$27,000 Worth of Damage

(By Associated Press)

CLARKSBURG, Sept. 18.—Fire starting from a gas stove wiped out part of the business section of Lumberport this morning at a loss of about \$27,000.

The town has no water works system but valiant efforts of a bucket brigade saved the Lumberport bank and the opera house.

The places burned are Hedges and Oyster's hardware store, Allen N. Knight's general store, Chester Denzel's restaurant, Geo. Coffman's barber shop, Duet's drug store, and dwelling of Mrs. Flora Hornor and C. G. Brooks.

BENEFIT BALL FOR THE RED CROSS

It Will Be Held Saturday Evening At the Country Club

A benefit ball for the Red Cross society of this city will be held on Saturday evening of this week at the Country Club. This plan for making money for the organization was definitely decided upon at a meeting held this morning at the home of Mrs. T. I. Brett on Benoni avenue. The ball will be given as a benefit and one dollar for each person will be the charge of admission. Mrs. W. D. Stockley is chairman of the entertainment committee and she will be assisted by Mrs. Roger Kingsland and other members of the society.

Plans were made for the classes to be held at Cook hospital for the care of patients in the home, etc., and Thursday afternoon at four o'clock each week will be the date set. The meetings will be held at Cook hospital and will be taught by Miss Elizabeth Voak the Red Cross nurse who is working here under the direction of the Anti Tuberculosis League.

Any person desiring to enroll in these classes will make application to Mrs. Roger Kingsland at her home on Walnut avenue.

It was decided at the meeting that the Red Cross society here would furnish supplies for Miss Voak in her work in this section and will see that her linen closet is kept replenished with materials, linens, etc.

The first class to be taught by Miss Voak will be conducted the first Thursday in October.

MEN AND WOMEN TELL IN GREAT MASS MEETING OF VIOLATIONS OF YOST LAW

14 ARE ARRESTED FOR BEING DRUNK OVER WEEK END

Mayor's Court This Morning Was a Decidedly Busy Place

ONE WOMAN PRISONER

Great Quantities of Liquor Must Have Been Consumed Here

John Stout, colored, pleaded guilty in Mayor Bowen's court to a charge of being drunk this morning and was fined \$5. He works for the city on which he gave the chief of police an order for the amount.

Eugene Ruffians lived up to his name Saturday night when he came to town from Watson hunting a doctor. It seems that Ruffians, who is colored, was cut in a scrap at New England and hiked himself to his domicile drank half a pint of liquor to brace up on and started for the city on a car. By the time he arrived here he was asleep and was taken from the car by two policemen. He was badly cut at the hip but was taken to jail. He was unable to pay his fine of \$5 this morning and went back to jail. He was given medical attention after the trial.

C. A. Jamison, answering guilty to a charge of drunkenness, paid a fine of \$5 at his hearing this morning.

Larry Sedara, employed in the mines hereabouts, told Mayor Bowen that on Sunday last he got drunk on "poppe" and cider. The "poppe" he bought in a store across the river and the cider he got at home.

L. Hagar, forfeited \$5 after being arrested at the Baltimore and Ohio station drunk.

Hubby Jonas, Hungarian, forfeited \$10, Andy Amobi paid \$10 and Pete Rutkal paid \$5 this morning when the evidence in a case in which all three men were arrested while fighting on Madison street near the Baltimore and Ohio station.

Mike Donogh, arrested drunk yesterday, gave \$5 for his appearance this morning. He failed to appear. John Dago did likewise on a similar charge.

Denner Williams, charged with interfering with an officer forfeited \$5 yesterday. M. R. Thorn on a charge of drunkenness, kept out of jail by putting up a forfeit for his appearance this morning. He failed to appear, the amount, \$5 being sent to the treasury.

Thomas Phillips, drunk, arranged payment of a forfeit of \$5 on the promise that he turn in the money today. He was allowed to go on his word.

Daisy Carr, colored, who denied that she was shot full of pippy juice, but admits she was drunk, paid a fine of \$5 to Mayor Bowen. She was arrested on Main street while running away from visionary pursuers. She had when arrested \$33.96. Mayor Bowen asked her where she got her money. She replied that her husband supports her.

Mayor and Prosecuting Attorney Admit Knowledge of Existence of the Illicit Traffic

ANOTHER MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Committee on Resolutions and To Get In Touch With State Prohibition Commissioner Blue Will Report At That Time

Yesterday afternoon's meeting at the M. F. Temple to consider the bootlegging situation in Fairmont and lay the foundation for a movement which, it is hoped, will wipe out violations of the prohibition law, drew one of the largest and most representative audiences that has gathered to consider a public question in this city in years.

Men and women prominent in all walks of life and from all sections; city and county officials, ministers of practically all the Protestant churches, Sunday school superintendents, Bible class leaders, women prominent in club and social life, were present and all were intensely in earnest.

The feature of the meeting was the first hand testimony of women and men that bootlegging and its attendant evils have flourished to an alarming extent during the past four months. The actual work done consisted of the selection of two committees, one consisting of J. M. Black, Dr. J. A. Jamison, and J. A. Swiger, to draw up resolutions to be presented at another meeting which will be held next Sunday afternoon at the same place; the other, consisting of Rev. Mr. Medith, Rev. Mr. Eddy and J. L. Leach, to communicate with State Prohibition Commissioner Fred O. Blue and bet his assistance in the enforcement of the Yost law in this section.

The stories told by eye-witnesses to liquor selling were news to most of those present and they produced a perceptible sensation, but the one big thrill of the meeting was an address by Rev. M. G. Hayling, the talented young pastor of the colored Methodist church, who made an impassioned plea for the people of his race who, he said, are being enslaved anew, this time by vice, with the full knowledge of the city and county officials and the connivance of white men. The picture presented by Mr. Hayling was startling. He said that conditions are worse now than they were when there were saloons. The boys and girls could not get liquor until they were of age while now even children can get it and sex makes no difference. Colored mothers of the city have bleeding hearts because their daughters are being led into vice and their sons into drunkenness through the open traffic in liquor and the dives which are maintained without any attempt to conceal them from the police and the peace officers of the county.

Mayor Bowen and County Prosecutor Haggerty were both present at the meeting. The Mayor who sat in a seat in the rear of the auditorium spoke from that place during the meeting, declining the invitation to go to the platform where the others had stood. He admitted that he knew whiskey is being sold in the city and said that he had done all he could to stop it; had put an extra light on Jackson street and assigned extra policemen to that district. He protested against the criticism of his failure to suppress the traffic and said that any one of his critics after three months in his place would see the matter in a different light than they do now. He admitted that he did not hope to be able to stop bootlegging as long as there are men who are willing to buy liquor.

Mr. Haggerty, on the other hand, assumed a bold front and said that he has been doing his duty. He read some statistics showing the number of arrests and the outcome of the cases as compared with the record left by his predecessor in office. He disclaimed any intention to criticize the Yost law but he nevertheless blamed it and the laws in general for the fact that so many men peddle whiskey without being molested and slip through the fingers of the administration of justice when they do happen to be arrested. Finally he made a grand stand play by inviting all good citizens who are interested in the enforcement of law to come to his assistance by furnishing evidence against the bootleggers. He promised to reimburse them for their outlay in buying the evidence and pay them \$2.50 per day for the time they put in. Mr. Haggerty came to the meeting feeling that whatever was said or done would reflect pretty seriously upon his official conduct and he was armed with a pocket full of notes which he intended to use in his defense. He prudently waited until he saw what the meeting was going to do before he made any move and did not speak until the gathering was preparing to adjourn. It is altogether possible that his offer to accept and act upon evidence provided by private citizens will be accepted by the bootlegger who pines his trade in the open from now on will do it at his own peril.

The meeting began promptly on the hour set, 3 o'clock. It was opened by Rev. J. C. Broomfield, pastor of the Temple, who announced briefly that the presiding officer would be Rev. J. B. Workman, pastor of the Diamond Street Methodist Episcopal church, who would act in his capacity as president of the Fairmont Ministerial association.

Rev. Mr. Workman upon assuming the chair asked Rev. Dr. Mitchell of the Central Christian church, to lead in prayer and then read a paper in which he set forth the objects of the meeting. He said that it was not the intention to waste time in criticism of the past; that it was an indignation meeting, but a gathering called for the purpose of establishing through the testimony of credible witnesses the fact that the laws against the traffic in liquor are being flagrantly violated in the city and then to take some constructive action which would bring about the end of the conditions.

Then without further preliminary Mrs. Marion Brooks, a missionary of the First Presbyterian church among the foreign people of the community, was called upon. Mrs. Brooks lives on Jackson street directly across the street from one of the most notorious colored dives in the city and on the corner of an alley which is used day and night as an outdoor market for the sale of their wares by the bootleggers. C. C. Denham, one of Fairmont's best known merchants, whose place of business is at the corner of Jefferson and Jackson streets, also was called upon to tell what he has seen with his own eyes and heard with his own ears. He told of calling the attention of one of the city commissioners to the traffic but without getting any relief. He said that on the day Ringling's circus was in the city men lined up along Jackson street waiting their turn to buy horses and that no effort was made to stop the disgraceful spectacle.

Both Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Denham stated that the traffic is a matter of the past four months or so.

It was at this juncture that the Rev. Mr. Hayling gave his testimony and he, too, said that the open sale of liquor and the debauchery of his people began only last spring.

Rev. Mr. Broomfield followed with a report of a visit he and some friends made Saturday night to the vicinity of Quincy street on Hull alley, where they saw many people, white and black, some of them white women, go into one of the houses, undoubtedly to purchase liquor. He told of one man, whose face he knows, who when he neared the house was approached by two negroes and asked how much he wanted.

J. M. Black, president of the Fairmont Wall Plaster company, said that all the evidence presented up to that time had been limited to Jackson street and Hull alley and he wanted to say that nothing that had been said about those sections was worse than what is going on nightly among both black and white people in a section between Benoni and Walnut avenues. And a woman declared that she had watched bootlegging transactions on Water street on the east side one whole afternoon and when she told Chief of Police Harr about it he told her she was mistaken.

Intermediate Court Is Still Busy

\$169,926 IN JUDGEMENTS HAVE BEEN GRANTED DURING SESSION.

\$169,926 in judgements have been entered to date by Judge G. A. Vincent during the present term of Intermediate Court and this court is still in session and will not likely adjourn until the latter part of the week. Judgement for \$5,107.50 was entered today in the case of National Bank of Fairmont against Wm. E. Watson, Jr., and Howard W. Showalter. Credit for \$1,000 which has been paid was allowed to be deducted from this sum.

The property in the case of French Allen company against Chas. E. Bonnell and others was sold Saturday for \$18,480. This is the property that had previously been sold for \$12,000 but when an upset bid of over \$13,000 was offered a resale was ordered.

High Lights on European War

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Lieut. Raymond Asquith, son of Premier Asquith, was killed in action Sept. 15 it was announced here today.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—The Germans lost heavily in several counter attacks north and south of the Somme last night, the War office announced today. The French maintained the ground recently won and made further progress near Clerly and Vervy and on the western edge of Denicourt. The French took 1800 prisoners and ten machine guns the statement says. The town of Denicourt is now completely encircled by the French.

SOFIA via London, Sept. 18.—An attack made by entente forces in the Struma valley on the Macedonian front was repulsed by the Bulgarians it was announced today.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—In small operations on the Somme front last night the British gained further ground, the War office announced today. "The general situation continues unchanged," the announcement says "South of the Ancre we improved our positions north of Martinpuich. East of Courcellette, a minor attack was made last night upon elements of enemy trenches was entirely successful. Our line has been advanced appreciably at this point."

NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND PHYSICIANS!

According to an order duly passed by the Board of Health of the City of Fairmont all children before being admitted to school in the City of Fairmont must present to their teacher certificate showing that they have been examined by a physician.

This examination may be made by any physician. Your own family physician is best for this examination. The results of the examination must be recorded on a special blank which may be secured at the city building. The blanks will be ready Tuesday morning and the examinations may be made at any time during the week.

The object of this general examination is to give the school authorities and the Board of Health accurate knowledge of the physical condition of all the children so that during the entire year we guard against any epidemics. We are mobilizing the physical resources of the children against the inevitable attack of disease during the inclement months.

Physicians are urged to charge the lowest possible fee for this examination and thus co-operate in this move. ADV.

Court Martial For 2nd Regt. Deserters

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 18.—Orders from the headquarters of the eastern department of the United States army were received in mobilization camp here today directing the holding of a general court martial. The detail for the court is Major Lester Ridenour, seven captains, four first lieutenants and one second lieutenant. Captain Austin M. Sykes is judge advocate. Six men are charged with desertion. They will be among those given trial. The court will be convened next Wednesday morning.

The department refused the request that the four Huntington companies in the Second Infantry be permitted to spend several days in Huntington to give exhibition drills.

PASTORS DISCUSS RALLY DAY PLANS

Go To Church Sign Expected To Be Lighted This Evening

"Go To Church" will be emblazoned from the Watson hillside tonight. This was tentatively decided at the meeting of the Ministerial association held this morning. Unless some unforeseen obstacle presents itself the citizens of the city will again be greeted with this sign which stands out as a beacon beckoning people to attend some house of worship.

Plans were discussed at the meeting this morning for the Rally day service to be held in all the churches Sunday, September 25. It is the plan to make this in reality a rally day and efforts will be made to have each Sabbath school measure up to a high standard.

The election of officers for the association which was to have taken place today was indefinitely postponed.

MILK INSPECTION IS PROVIDED FOR

\$760,000 Bond Election Is Now Up To Council Meeting

At a meeting of the City Board of Affairs this morning, city physician, C. M. Ramage, authorized to purchase and install apparatus for testing milk and the city water supply. All milk supply sources will be investigated and samples of each dairy's output inspected. The city physician will be privileged to close all dairies should the test show that the milk is infected with disease germs. He will test daily the city water supply and will order the chlorine regulator advanced or retarded as the water may require.

The Board of Affairs spent most of the morning going over the city ordinance proposal for an election to be held for the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$760,000 for the building of bridges, extension of sewers, erection of an incinerator plant, repairing of streets, paying off of floating indebtedness and outstanding bonds.

This ordinance will be handed to the city council should it meet tonight in the special session which has been called by the city. Should the councilmen not meet the ordinance will be put through.

J. L. Leach appeared before the Board asking that the residents of Market street be related from the onrush of mud and debris everytime it rains. The only way this can be done is to request that sidewalks be put in. Robinson street was ordered paved from Bennett street to Billingslea street.

American Submarine Taken For Bremen

(By Associated Press)

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 18.—The submarine which appeared off New London late last night which was believed to have been the German undersea merchantman Bremen, was an American craft of the L type returning from maneuvers, it developed today with the return to port of the ocean going tug T. A. Scott, Jr.

The Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Tuesday; frost tonight.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS.

F. P. Hall, Observer.

Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 55.

Yesterday's weather, clear; temperature, maximum, 79; minimum, 41; precipitation, trace.

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NOTICE

Bids will be open for the new school building at Monongah, W. Va., until 21st of September. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. G. Price, City Building, Monongah, W. Va. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Signed, Board of Education, Grant District, Marion county, West Virginia.

T. G. PRICE, Secty.

CITY OF FAIRMONT

Order Calling Special Meeting of Common Council

On motion of Commissioner Smith it is unanimously ordered:

That it is the sense of this Board of Affairs that the Common Council of this city be called, and the Common Council, is hereby called to meet in special session on Monday, September 18, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in the Council Chambers of the City of Fairmont, for the purpose of considering the ordinance this day presented to this Board of Affairs providing for the issuance of bonds of this City, and that due publication of notice for said meeting be had by publishing this order as provided in Section 51 of the Charter of the City of Fairmont.

The Board of Affairs of the City of Fairmont.

By ANTHONY BOWEN, Mayor.

A copy from the record, September 13, 1916.

Attest: ALBERT KERN, City Clerk.